

## JACKSON BANK WILL DOUBLE CAPITAL STOCK

### Sylva To Have 178 Parking Meters Within 30 Days

#### First Official Meeting Of Sylva's New Mayor and Town Board Was Held Thursday Night

##### Committees Are Named By Mayor; McGuire Is Elected Board Chairman

The new mayor and board of aldermen for Sylva held their first official meeting last Thursday night to organize and discuss their duties and problems of the office to which they were elected May 6. After having been sworn in the week before the group organized Tuesday night by electing Dr. Harold McGuire as board chairman. Mayor Allison then appointed a water and sewerage committee, composed of Ed Baldrige, Raymond R. Nicholson, Jr., and Joe Wilson; and a street and light committee, composed of Dr. Harold McGuire, Lloyd Cowan and Raymond R. Nicholson, Jr.

An application for an off-premise beer license to retail beer within the city limits of the town of Sylva was refused by the new board.

**Order Parking Meters**  
In an effort to relieve the parking situation on Main street, and upon recommendation by the Merchants Association and individuals of the town the board placed an order for 178 parking meters, to be placed on both sides of Main street. The meters will be placed from Moody Funeral home on West Main to Coffee Shop on East Main. A greater degree of angle parking will be required to allow more clearance in the center of the street. The cost of the meters and installation will be self-liquidating. The company that puts them in will get half of the meter take until they are paid for. The other half going into the city treasury.

If after one year, the town is dissatisfied with the meters, the company agrees to take them out and replace the sidewalks in as good condition as when they were put in without any further cost to the city other than the fifty per cent of the meter take during that time.

The meters are fully automatic and provide for 12 minutes to 2 hours parking. A nickel pays for an hour, two nickels for two hours, a penny for 12 minutes, two pennies for 24 minutes, three pennies for 36 minutes and four pennies for 48 minutes.

The company plans to deliver and install the meters within 30 days.

The Board ordered the municipal swimming pool and dressing rooms cleaned up and put in sanitary condition for the coming season. Jimmy Keener and Hal Wilson were employed to look after the pool this summer.

#### Town Board Sets May 26 To 31 As Clean Up Week For Sylva

The new board of aldermen has designated the week of May 26 through 31 as Clean Up, Paint Up Week in Sylva, following a custom each spring.

Citizens are urged to gather all the trash that has accumulated about their residents, business places or vacant lots, and place it in containers for the town employees to haul away. The city trash truck will make special trips during this week in addition to the regular trips to collect this trash. You are urgently requested to cooperate with the town in an effort to make Sylva clean, and as sanitary as possible. If you have trash and it is not gathered up please call the city office and the truck will call for it.

Business places are urged to clean out basements, store rooms and other places where trash and paper has collected which may

#### W. C. ALLISON IS TAKEN BY DEATH AT HOME SUNDAY P. M.

##### Member Of Prominent Pioneer Family Was Buried Wednesday P. M.

W. C. Allison, son of the late S. C. Allison and Magdalene Fisher Allison, died at his home at Mountain View Farm Sunday evening at 6 o'clock from a heart attack. Mr. Allison had been in ill health for the past few years and had been quite ill within the past few weeks, but had improved so that he had spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Joe L. Sutton. Soon after he returned home and while sitting in his chair resting, he passed away suddenly. He was 74 years of age and a retired farmer. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Sylva Methodist church, of which he was a member. Rev. W. Q. Grigg officiated. The body lay in state from 2:30 to 3 o'clock. Burial was in Keener cemetery with Moody Funeral Home in charge of the services.

He is survived by his wife, Tena Miller Allison; three daughters, Mrs. Joe L. Sutton, Sylva, Mrs. Robert Fisher, Sylva, and Mrs. Nelson Shepherd of Asheville; two sons, Burch Allison of Newton and Captain Sam C. Allison, U. S. Army, now stationed in Puerto Rico; three sisters, Mrs. S. E. Varner, Brevard, Mrs. Ben S. Forkner, Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. (Continued on page 10)

#### D. W. Swann Dies Of Heart Attack In Waynesville

Funeral service for David William Swann, 42, who died suddenly at his home in Waynesville Friday night, were held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Sylva Baptist church. The Rev. C. M. Warren officiated and burial followed in the Stillwell cemetery at Webster. Garrett Funeral home was in charge.

Mr. Swann was born and reared in Swain county. He had been in the restaurant business in Sylva until last winter he moved to Waynesville.

Pallbearers were Ray Belt, Guy Rose, Bonapart Franklin, Shuford Cagle, Robert Jacobs and Homer Franklin.

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#### SYLVA'S NEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN TAKE OFFICE



Sylva's new Board of Aldermen are pictured as they took the oath of office at the city hall on Friday afternoon, May 9. Jack C. Allison, the new mayor, who was sworn in by the retiring mayor, H. Gibson, is shown at the extreme right as he gives the oath to the board members. Shown from left to right, the board members are: Dr. Harold McGuire, Joseph F. Wilson, Edward H. Baldrige, Lloyd W. Cowan, and Raymond R. Nicholson, Jr. The mayor and all board members are veterans of World War II.

#### Trial Of O'Dear And Messer Started; Macon County Jury Drawn For Case

##### SYLVA ROAD SIGNS BEING REPAINTED, NEW ONES PUT UP

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, announced Monday that road signs put up last year and the year before are now being repainted and painted. Also that three or four new signs, 10 by 24 feet are being built and will be placed at the following places: One welcome to Sylva sign to be placed on the Asheville highway just East of town. The others regular signs to be placed, one at the intersection of 19 and 107 at Ela; one at the Gate-way and the other at intersection of 107 E and the Soco Gap road near Cherokee.

The chamber of commerce went on record congratulating C. E. Clozman on the nice Hotel Carolina signs he has built and put up on all highways leading to Sylva.

##### Rotary Club Recommends More Traffic Signal Lights For The Town Of Sylva

In an effort to determine the wishes of the citizens of Sylva relative to the need of more traffic lights for the town of Sylva, especially at the east and west intersections of Main and Mill street, the town board has asked the various civic clubs and other organizations for their opinions. At the regular weekly meeting of the Rotary club Tuesday evening the entire membership present recommended that at least two, and possibly three more lights should be installed.

##### Tuckasee Church Will Honor Veterans

Special services will be held Sunday, May 25 for veterans of both World Wars I and II at the Tuckasee Baptist church. There will be two special sermons, one at the 11 o'clock hour by the pastor, Rev. Edgar Willis and one in the afternoon by Rev. J. E. Brown. A picnic dinner will be served at the lunch hour. An invitation is extended to all service men to come to these services.

After adjourning court Tuesday afternoon awaiting a special venire of 150 men from Macon county from which to pick a jury to hear the case of Earl O'Dear and Robert Messer, charged with the murder of Jack Hall and wife, Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt reconvened the court at 2 p. m. Wednesday afternoon and the task of selecting the jury began. Thirteen men were selected and court adjourned at 7:30 p. m. After hearing the charge the jury was sent to Hotel Carolina for the night, with instructions to report at 9:30 this morning at which time the trial will get underway.

This was as far as the case had progressed as The Herald goes to press. A detailed report of the trial will be published later.

The following is a list of cases tried Monday and Tuesday:

The May term of Jackson County Superior court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning with Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte presiding, and Hon. Dan K. Moore, representing the State.

Following selection of the Grand Jury Judge Bobbitt delivered his charge and appointed W. S. Alexander foreman. The regular jurors were then sworn in and the court began its work of hearing the following cases:

Charles C. Morgan, Jr. pleads guilty to a charge of driving drunk: fined \$50 and cost, and not to drive a motor vehicle for 12 months.

Leonard Coggins, driving drunk, pleads guilty: fined \$50 and cost.

A. Henderson, pleads guilty of driving drunk: \$50 and cost and 90 days on roads, suspended for 12 months.

Eelze Love, CCW, a pistol pleads guilty: \$50 and cost and forfeits the pistol.

J. A. Clante, driving drunk, pleads guilty: \$50 and cost, 90 days on roads suspended and not to drive motor vehicle for 12 months.

Burton Brown, pleads guilty to charge of driving drunk: \$50 and cost, 90 days on roads suspended. Must not drive motor vehicle for 12 months.

Clarence Ray Barron, pleads guilty to driving drunk: \$50 and costs, 90 days suspended road sentence, licensed to drive revoked for 12 months.

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##### MERCHANTS HAVE LUNCHEON MEETING, DISCUSS PARKING

A number of the members of the Merchants Association met at Jarrrett Springs hotel last Thursday for a luncheon meeting. Boyd Sossamon, president of the organization, presided and led in the discussions.

The parking situation for the town of Sylva was discussed and upon a motion, duly seconded and passed, the organization went on record recommending to the town board that parking meters be installed on Main street. Also that three more traffic signal lights be bought and installed.

President Sossamon called attention to the recent order of the organization regarding certain types of advertising and solicitation of funds. Cards have been printed and placed with each merchant which he can hand to any one making such solicitations that will explain how they can get their card of authorization. He urges everyone to ask for this card when a solicitor calls. If he doesn't have it the merchant must refuse his request until the card is secured from the Advertising committee.

The board of aldermen has already placed an order for the parking meters.

##### JOSEPH DANIELS TO SPEAK AT LAKE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

Joseph Daniels will open the 1947 session of Lake Junaluska when he speaks at eleven o'clock on annual Haywood County day, Sunday, June 1st. The announcement was made by Dr. Frank S. Love, superintendent of the Lake. Mr. Daniels, an outstanding speaker, has been the speaker on the open program for many years.

Dr. Walter West, superintendent of the Waynesville hospital, is in charge of the program, working with Dr. Love on all arrangements.

North Carolina's 1947 Commercial Early Irish Potato Crop is estimated at 28,600 acres.

#### Huge Expansion Program Is Approved By Directors, Bank In Sylva To Be Modernized

##### NAPOLEON HIGDON, GAY POSTMASTER, TAKES OWN LIFE

##### Had Been In Ill Health For Some Time; Postal Accounts In Good Shape

Funeral services for Napoleon Higdon, 65, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Wesleyanna Methodist church with interment in the church cemetery. The Rev. E. A. Fitzgerald and the Rev. Pierce, a former pastor, officiated. Mr. Higdon was a member of this church.

Mr. Higdon died Saturday morning at 6:30 from self-inflicted wounds, using a pistol to shoot himself with. He was found lying in the yard of his home by members of the family.

He was a farmer and postmaster of the Gay post office. Postal inspectors made an audit of the office Saturday and found everything in perfect order, which leaves no motive for the act other than he had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Higdon was a life long resident of the county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. V. Higdon, he once made his home at Webster. He was well known and well liked throughout the county.

Surviving are the widow, who was formerly Mrs. Amanda Tatham, of Gay; one son, Carl, of Gay; one daughter, Mrs. Lyle Buchanan who made her home with her parents; two brothers, Oscar and Roscoe Higdon, both of Gay.

##### Test Proves Dog That Bit Bryson Boys To Be Mad

Two young sons of Roscoe Bryson of Cashiers are receiving treatment following bites from dogs said by the State Laboratory of Hygiene in Raleigh to be positive rabies.

A dog which had been on the loose in the Cashiers community is thought to have come up No. 107 from South Carolina. After biting the boys and probably having bitten other dogs, cats, and live stock, was killed and its head sent to Raleigh for a test to determine whether it was suffering from rabies. The test proved positive and the treatment was immediately started by the boys. Any one having dogs, cats or other animals which may have come in contact with this dog should keep them quarantined for at least 21 days.

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#### Plans For Addition To Harris Hospital Discussed By Board

S. K. Hunt, executive secretary of the Asheville hospital association, was the principal speaker at a luncheon meeting at Carolina hotel Thursday, May 15. The purpose of the meeting was for a general discussion of the proposed additions and improvements to the C. J. Harris Community hospital. Remodeling plans for the now 25-bed hospital call for an enlargement to 40 bed capacity, as well as other modernizing improvements. Architects plans have been submitted and approved, and it is hoped that work can soon be begun.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. Pat Carter, superintendent of the C. J. Harris hospital, members of the hospital board of trustees, and business and profes-

##### Will Establish Full Power Branch Bank At Highlands In Macon

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Jackson County bank, held on May 1st, a resolution was passed to double the capital stock of the bank and to amend the bank's Charter of authorized capital stock from \$50,000 to \$250,000. This plan will be consummated as soon as the Board's action can be ratified at a formal meeting of the present stockholders and as soon as other necessary legal details can be completed. When the new capital has been sold then the bank will have capital funds, including capital surplus and profits of approximately \$265,000.

##### Full Power Branch

Plans are now being worked out to open a full power branch bank, at Highlands in Macon County. For the past 12 years the Jackson County Bank has maintained a "Teller Window" at Highlands. Several months ago application was made to the State Banking Commission for consent to change the present Tellers Window into a full power branch. This application has been approved. Officials of the parent bank in Sylva stated this week that office supplies have already been ordered for the bank at Highlands and that it is hoped that the Highlands branch can be opened in the very near future. The official stated, however, that it is not possible to fix a definite date of the opening at this time.

The Jackson County Bank owns the old Bank of Highlands building and lot and the new branch office will occupy that building for the present. It is hoped that a new and modern bank building can be erected at Highlands before a great while.

##### To Modernize Sylva Building

The banking building of the parent office of The Jackson County Bank located on Main street here, will be done over and modernized in the very near future. The interior of the bank will be entirely done over and the fixtures and counters rearranged. The basement which has never been used by the bank will be modernized. Several hundred safety lock boxes will be placed in the vault in the basement and will be in charge of a full time attendant. Oil heat will be installed in place of the present coal system. The remodeling job is expected to cost approximately \$25,000. A new vault door for the basement and the new oil furnace have already arrived in Sylva. If all materials can be obtained it is expected to begin work on the remodeling job in the next few weeks, bank officials stated.

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##### JEEP TO BE RAFFLED OFF SATURDAY 4 P. M.

The Jeep, on which the Day Student Government of Western Carolina Teachers College sold ticket chances, will be raffled off Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Fulmer Motor Company trading lot on Cullowhee road in Sylva.

The first known turkey chain in North Carolina has been started in Chatham County.